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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Colorado River Diversion for the Bard Water District (District)

Dear Mr. Derma:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's CY 2019 Colorado River diversion estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2019.

Water rights for lands within the District are based on water right certificates that provide for delivery of the quantity of water which can be beneficially used for irrigation of individual lands covered by the separate water right certificates.

Based upon a review of the CY 2019 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 52,800 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water during CY 2019 for use in the District's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 26,724 AF.

Reclamation notes that, pursuant to System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 18-XX-30-W0637 (SCIA) dated April 13, 2018 between Reclamation and the District, the District will implement its Seasonal Agricultural Land Fallowing Program (Program) during CY 2019 to create System Conservation Water. In accordance with Section 4.6 of the SCIA, the District is required to submit a revised water order in April 2019 to reflect the number of acres of Enrolled Land participating in the Program and the associated diversion reduction.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2019 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2019, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of California will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for CY 2019. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164 or pmatuska@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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